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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: MIRKIN et al.
Title: METHODS UTILIZING SCANNING PROBE
MICROSCOPE TIPS AND PRODUCTS THEREOF OR
PRODUCED THEREBY
Appl. No.: 09/866,533
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 28 of this document.

Please amend the application as indicated.